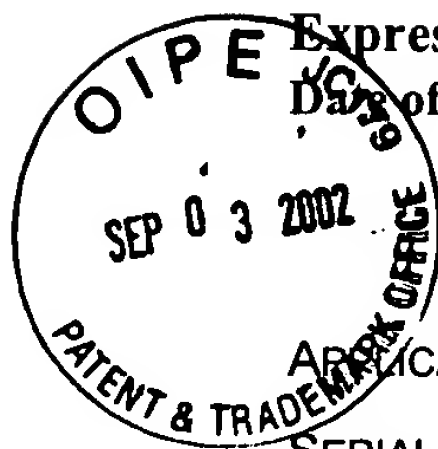


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 1, 2002

In response to the Office Action Dated July 1, 2002, Applicants make the following elections:

(1) Applicants elect the invention of Group V, which includes claims 2, 3-5, 6-8, 13, 14, 16-20, 25, 27 and 28, drawn to a method of modulating cell proliferation comprising contacting cell with a polypeptide that modulates the activity of a TRADE molecule, with traverse.

(2) Applicants elect the invention "TRADE α ", also with traverse.

(3) Applicants elect the NF κ B signaling pathway, also with traverse.

Applicants traverse and request rejoining of Groups V and VIII. The invention of Group VIII is directed to modulating cell proliferation using an anti-TRADE antibody, which is an example of a polypeptide modulator of TRADE activity. Thus, the invention of Group V is generic to the patentably distinct species of modulation of TRADE activity using anti-TRADE antibodies encompassed by Group VIII. Therefore, a search and examination of both groups can be made without serious burden to the Examiner.

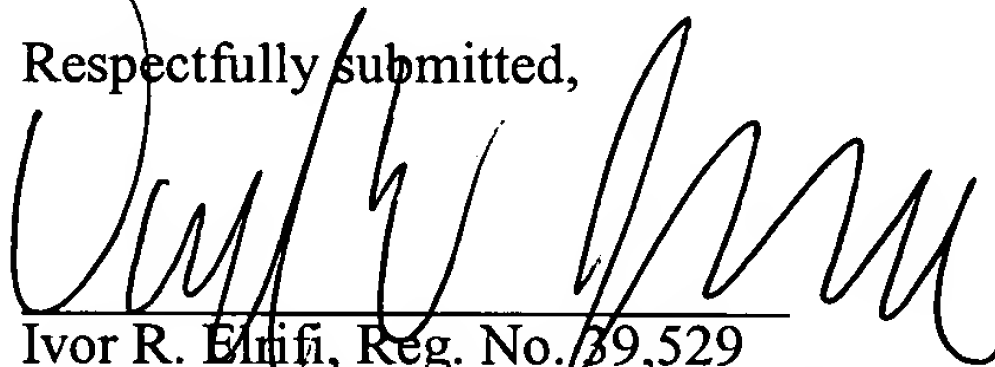
Applicants traverse the requirement of election of one TRADE molecule from among the species TRADE α and TRADE β on the basis that the extracellular and transmembrane domains of the TRADE α and TRADE β polypeptides are identical in amino acid sequence (see Example 1 and Figure 2 of the specification). More specifically, both TRADE α and TRADE β have identical N-terminal signal sequences, extracellular regions of about 168 amino acids and single transmembrane domains. The intracellular sequences of TRADE α and TRADE β are also very similar (i.e., diverging only by two amino acids and TRADE β having only 6 additional amino

acids at the C-terminus). Thus, polypeptide modulators of TRADE α and TRADE β are likely to interact with very similar, if not identical sequences.

Applicants traverse the requirement of election of a signaling pathway on the basis that modulation of TRADE molecule activity frequently results in changes in one or more of NF κ B, JNK or apoptotic pathways. Thus, it does not impose an undue burden on the Examiner to search for these interrelated pathways.

A petition for an extension of time and revocation/new power of attorney accompany this response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 22058-569.

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